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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018-2020

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) preliminarily determines that Sahamitr Pressure Container Plc. (also known as Sahamitr Pressure Container Public Company Limited) (SMPC) made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value (NV) during the period of review (POR) December 27, 2018, through July 31, 2020. We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.] **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jolanta Lawska, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In accordance with section 751(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act),

Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty (AD) order on steel

propane cylinders from Thailand. On October 6, 2020, in accordance with 19 CFR

251.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated the administrative review of the AD order on SMPC.¹ On March

17, 2021, Commerce extended the deadline for the preliminary results to August 31, 2021.² For

¹ See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, 85 FR 63081 (October 6, 2020).

² See Memorandum, "Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2018/2020," dated March 17, 2021.

a complete description of the events that followed the initiation of this review, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.³

Scope of the Order

The merchandise covered by this order is steel propane cylinders from Thailand. For a complete description of the scope of the order, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.⁴

Methodology

Commerce is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(B) of the Act. Export price was calculated in accordance with section 772 of the Act. Normal value was calculated in accordance with section 773 of the Act. For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum. The Preliminary Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at http://access.trade.gov. In addition, a complete version of the Preliminary Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/. A list of topics discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum is attached as an appendix to this notice.

Preliminary Results of the Review

Commerce preliminarily determines that the following weighted-average dumping margin exists for the period December 27, 2018, through July 31, 2020:

Exporter/Producer	Estimated Weighted-Average Dumping Margin (percent)
Sahamitr Pressure Container Plc.	14.11

Assessment Rates

³ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand; 2018-2020," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

⁴ See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at "Scope of the Order."

Upon completion of this administrative review, Commerce shall determine, and CBP shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. If an examined respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is not zero or *de minimis* in the final results of this review, we will calculate importer-specific *ad valorem* assessment rates on the basis of the ratio of the total amount of dumping calculated for an importer's examined sales and the total entered value of such sales in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1). Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106(c), or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties.

Commerce clarified its "automatic assessment" regulation on May 6, 2003.⁵ This clarification applies to entries of subject merchandise during the POR produced by SMPC for which it did not know its merchandise was destined for the United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the *Federal Register*. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for SMPC will be equal to the weighted-

⁵ For a full discussion of this clarification, see Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

average dumping margin established in the final results of this review (except, if that rate is *de minimis*, then the cash deposit rate will be zero); (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed in the final results of this review, including those for which Commerce may determine had no shipments during the POR, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or another completed segment of this proceeding, but the producer is, then the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recently completed segment of this proceeding for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the producer is a firm covered in this or any previously completed segment of this proceeding, then the cash deposit rate will be the all-others rate of 10.77 percent that was established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.⁶ These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

We intend to disclose the calculations performed to parties in this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.⁷. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the date for filing case briefs.⁸ Parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this proceeding are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁹ Case and rebuttal briefs should be filed using ACCESS.¹⁰ Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes.

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⁶ See Steel Propane Cylinders from Thailand: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, 84 FR 29168, 29169 (June 21, 2019).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(c).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(d); see also Temporary Rule Modifying AD/CVD Service Requirements Due to COVID-19; Extension of Effective Period, 85 FR 41363 (July 10, 2020) (Temporary Rule).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

¹⁰ See generally 19 CFR 351.303.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, filed electronically via Commerce's electronic records system, ACCESS. Requests should contain:

(1) The party's name, address and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of issues to be discussed. Issues raised in the hearing will be limited to those raised by each party in their respective case brief. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will announce the date and time of the hearing. Parties should confirm by telephone the date and time of the hearing two days before the scheduled hearing date.

Note that Commerce has temporarily modified certain of its requirements for serving documents containing business proprietary information, until further notice.¹¹ An electronically filed document must be received successfully in its entirety in ACCESS by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written briefs, not later than 120 days after the date of publication of this notice, unless extended, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

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¹¹ See Temporary Rule.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1) and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: August 27, 2021.

Christian Marsh, Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
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- V. Recommendation

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